Sensitive areas in the country

784. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN:'
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of sensitive areas in various States of the country that are affected by casteist or communal roits or tension:

(b) if so, the names of these areas alongwith the States they are in;

(c) the nature of tensions prevailing in each of the said areas; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to defuse tension in the said areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government is aware that there are a number of areas in the country which are affected by various law and order problems including caste and communal tensions. However, the specific areas affected by such problems vary from time to time. The major causative factors behind such tensions include land disputes, atrocities against Scheduled Castes/religious groups, trespassing and damaging crops, molestation of women, prevention of persons from participating in religious festivities, damage/desecration of statues of leaders by rival caste groups etc.

(d) Central Government shares available intelligence inputs with the concernent State Government to enable them to take appropriate action. Central Government also provides assistance to State Government in the form of deployment of Para-military forces as well as by way of assistance for raising India Reserve Battalions. Communal harmony guildlines have been issued to all State and U.Ts. to prevent/defuse communal tension.

Amending the FCRA

785. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to stae:

(a) whether the Union Government is considering to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act of 1976 to completely decentralise the regulatory mechanism concerning foreign contributors;

(b) if so, what are the main points of amendments;

(c) whether this move would also go a long way in preventing possible misuse of foreign funds as also tracking down the flow of dirty money from one end to another; and

(d) if so, what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Government is considering certain changes in the law goverming the receipt and utilization of foreign contribution by voluntary organizations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

Deployment of army personnel on Western Border

†786. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have deployed a large number of army personnel
on Western border of the country for containing the infiltration of terrorists from across the border;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured till June, 2002 on account of terrorist attacks/activities in the State of Jammu and Kashmir since the deployment of army on border; and

(c) the names of the terrorist organisations supposed to be involved in these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) After the terrorist attack on Parliament (Dec. 13,2001) in addition to number of diplomatic measures, the Government has also deplyed Army on LoC/IB.

(b) 431 Civilians, 163 security force personnel and 870 terrorists (including 268 foreign terrorists) have been killed and 664 civilians and 472 security force personnel injured during the period from 1.1.2002 to 30.6.2002 in terrorist incidents in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

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